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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER TO SIAD WHICH WAS DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR ADDOU
PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE AUGUST 19:

QUOTE: AUGUST 18, 1977. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF JULY 27 DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR ADDOU. I AM GRATIFIED THAT YOU SEE A NEW AND ADMIRABLE SPIRIT IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

WE ARE REVITALIZING OUR RELATIONSHIP DURING A PERIOD OF MARKED CHANGE IN THE REGION OF THE HORN OF AFRICA AND THE RED SEA. AS HAS BEEN EMPHASIZED DURING THE CONVERSATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH YOUR DELEGATION THIS PAST WEEK, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE NATIONS OF THE AREA HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO DEFEND THEIR EXISTING TERRITORY AND THAT OUR EFFORTS TO THAT END CONTRIBUTE TO REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY. CONSEQUENTLY, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOUR STATESMANSHIP AND INFLUENCE WILL HELP TO BRING ABOUT AN EARLY CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN THE OGADEN AND THAT A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE CAN

BE ARRANGED. THIS WOULD FACILITATE THE STRENGTHENING OF THE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN WE PERSONALLY MAY SHARE OUR VIEWS ON THE PRESSING ISSUES OF OUR AGE. UNTIL THEN I BELIEVE WE ARE FORTUNATE TO BE RELYING ON SUCH VALUED INTERMEDIARIES AS AMBASSADOR ADDOU AND AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN IN THE EFFORT TO DRAW OUR TWO NATIONS AND PEOPLES CLOSER TOGETHER. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE

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